

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace paragraph 0030 on page 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0030] The ring gear 108 is rigidly coupled to the input shaft 18 and rotates therewith. The input shaft 18 is also rotationally and slidably coupled to the inner clutch plates 114 by a hub 128. Particularly, the hub 128 ~~[[28]]~~ is coupled to the inner clutch plates 114 by splines and to the input shaft 18 by splines. The carrier 106 is rigidly coupled to the output shaft 30 and rotates therewith. The sun gear 102 is rigidly coupled to the outer clutch plates 112, and thus to the drum 118. When neither the band 116 or the clutch assembly 110 are activated, the planetary gear assembly 100 freewheels relative to the input shaft 18, and no torque is delivered to the output shaft 30. When the clutch assembly 110 is engaged, the clutch plates 112 and 114 are coupled together, which couples the ring gear 108 and the sun gear 102 together. Thus, the input shaft 18 is coupled to the output shaft 30 in a 1:1 gear ratio providing the direct drive from the vehicle transmission 14.